

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) An apparatus for feeding gimmicks to a main conveyor of a conveyor line, wherein the apparatus is provided with a sliding table having at least one free side where an operator can position himself, and with at least one conveyor, the at least one conveyor being provided with compartments each having such dimensions that one gimmick is receivable therein, and wherein an inlet of the at least one conveyor aligns with the sliding table.

2. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the at least one conveyor is a conveyor provided with projections, wherein a compartment is formed by the space between two successive projections.

3. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least four parallel conveyors are provided which are each drivable independently of each other.

4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein in the or each conveyor, in the active, upwardly facing ~~part, 8-15~~ part, eight through fifteen compartments are situated.

5. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein downstream of the discharge end of the or each conveyor a receiving pocket is provided in which a gimmick is

receivable, the receiving pocket being provided with delivery means which are arranged for delivering the gimmick from the pocket to the conveyor line at a desired time.

6. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the delivery means comprise a bottom of the pocket which can be released.

7. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the delivery means comprise a pusher by means of which the gimmick is actively pushed onto the conveyor line.

8. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the releasable bottom of the pocket comprises a flexible diaphragm which opens automatically under the influence of the force exerted by the pusher on the gimmick.

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the apparatus is provided with a control, wherein adjacent the discharge end of the or each conveyor a sensor is disposed which is arranged for sensing the ~~presence and/or~~ presence and/or absence of a gimmick in a compartment of the respective conveyor situated near the discharge end, or, if present, in the receiving pocket belonging to the respective conveyor, the control being arranged for driving the respective conveyor until said compartment and/or the receiving pocket possibly present is filled with a gimmick, such that in each case a gimmick is ready for delivery.

10. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the sensor is an electronic eye.

11. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the apparatus is provided with a control, the control being connected to an encoder which produces signals that are indicative of the position of the main conveyor in the conveyor line.

12. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the or each conveyor is provided with a warning light which burns when the conveyor starts to move or moves.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the conveyors are driven intermittently, wherein the conveyors at each driving event are moved forward at least one compartment, while a driving event occurs every 2-6 seconds, ~~more particularly every 4 seconds,~~ per conveyor.

14. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the apparatus is provided with an adjusting button by means of which the time of delivery of a gimmick to the main conveyor is settable, such that the delivery position of the gimmick in the conveying direction of the main conveyor is settable.

15. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least the position of the discharge end of the at least one conveyor transverse to the conveying ~~direction~~ direction of the main conveyor is settable relative to the main conveyor.

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the delivery capacity of the apparatus is in the range of 3,000-8,000 gimmicks ~~per hour,, more particularly~~ about 6,000 gimmicks per hour.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the width of a compartment is in the ~~rang~~ range of 80-300 mm and wherein the length of a compartment is in the range of 80-300 mm.

18. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein at least four parallel conveyors are provided which are each drivable independently of each other.

19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein in the or each conveyor, in the active, upwardly facing ~~part, 8-15~~ part, eight through fifteen compartments are situated.

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein in the or each conveyor, in the active, upwardly facing ~~part, 8-15~~ part, eight through fifteen compartments are

situated.

21. (New) An apparatus for feeding three dimensional products to a main conveyor of a conveyor line and at least one other conveyor being provided with compartments each having dimensions to receive and convey one of the three dimensional products, wherein the apparatus is provided with a sliding table having at least one free side where an operator can position himself for sliding the three dimensional products on the sliding table toward the at least one other conveyor, an inlet of the at least one conveyor being aligned with the sliding table.